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SOURCE Fa-kung Pao, No 16250, 10 Jan 49LIGHT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION IN CHEKIANG

Plans have been formulated for the construction within 10 years of 3,000 kilometers of light railways in Chekiang province. The requisite capital is to be obtained from the provincial treasury, loans, sale of shares, and subsidy from the national treasury. The plans call for the construction of six trunk lines and 14 branch lines, of which eight parts are to be completed within the first 5 years. Particulars concerning six lines or branches follow:

1. Hang-Yung-Ch'ien Railway

Starting from Hang-chou, the railway proceeds via the Che-Kung Railway (Chekiang-Kiangai Railway) and its big bridge across the Ch'ien-t'ang River through Hsiao-shan, then branches off to Ch'ien-ch'ing, K'o-ch'iao, Shao-hsing, Ts'ao-o, Pai-kung, Ma-chu, Yu-yao, Chang-t'ing, Tz'u-ch'i, Chang-ch'iao to the north bank of the (Yung) river at Ning-po.

2. Yung-I Railway

Starting from Ning-po, the railway proceeds along the left bank of the Feng-kua Chiang through Chiang-k'ou, Ch'i-k'ou, Huang-tse, Ch'eng-hsien, Ch'ang-lo, Wei-shan, Tung-yang, I-wu, at which point a junction is made with the Che-Kung Railway.

3. Yeu-Hai Railway (Shore Line)

From Ning-po, the railway proceeds via the Yung-I Railway to Chiang-k'ou, then branches off through Feng-kua, Ning-hai, Hai-yu, Kao-shih, Lin-hai, Huang-yen, Lo-ch'ing, to Wen-chou (Yung-chia).

4. Hsiang-Shan Railway

Starting from Hsi-tse on the south shore of Hsiang-shan-kang inlet, the railway passes through Hai-tun, Shang-hsu, Hsiang-shan-hsien, Mao-yang, Fo-pai-ch'ia, Tung-ch'i, Hsin-ch'iao, Ch'ang-kuo, to Shih-p'u.

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5. Yung-Chen Branch Line

From the Ning-po Central Station, the line follows the left bank of the Yung Chiang, and passes through Pai-sha, K'ung-p'u, Ch'ing-shui-p'u, to Chen-hai.

6. Yung-Heng Branch Line

From the east bank of the river at Ning-po, the line proceeds by the Yen-Hai Railway (Shore Line) for a short distance, then turns off and passes through Ch'iu-i, Han-ling, Hsien-hsiang, to Heng-shan.

According to plans, Heng-shan, on the north shore of the Hsiang-shan-kang inlet, is to be a permanent port for international trade. The water at Ning-po is so shallow that ships drawing 19 feet of water have difficulty in berthing there. At the port of Heng-shan, ocean-going ships drawing 25 feet can enter and depart at will. It is expected that Heng-shan will become an important port on the southeast coast.

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